A QUAKER's

LETTER

TO THAT

QUANDAM FAVOURITE,

THE

IRISH EARL

OF

BATH,

or Lord Kildare

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A QUAKER's LETTER, &c.

FRIEND.

BRITISH MUSEUM

HE that meddleth with my Affairs, giveth me a Right to look after his management of them; be he never ſo *high in ſtation, or reſpected in his Perſon*--Wherefore be not ſurprized, that I commune with thee on this wiſe; ſeeing thou art become an undertaker for the public: but moreover as thy good report among men, connected itſelf with thy conduct this day: I who have been theſe three Years tagging liberty to thy name, and toaſting, (as is the manner of men,) thy health upon every joyful occaſion; yea verily in the fulneſs of ſpirit, have I not abſtained from making of ballads to thy glory, even as one of the ungodly.--I who have been thus zealous for thy fame, do look upon myſelf as concerned in thy behaviour; and therefore my requeſt is made unto thee, and look to thyſelf, and *do not become the dupe of thine own Integrity*:--Do not be temped by a miſtaken care for the quiet of the land, (which can only be ſecured in time to come, by perſeverance in thoſe Principles and Practices, for which thou haſt been hitherto reverenced and adored; or through a vain hope of ruling here alone by the aſſiſtance of a powerful friend on the other ſide of water, gained by a manifeſtation of thy power, to make peace, or to make war in this land: To give thyſelf the *lye* in the face of the Sun; nay

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to cauſe thyſelf to be tranſmitted on record, by that body of the nation, to which futurity muſt give credit, as a *ſlander and one of an eviltongue*; ſeeing thou haſt ſaid, and that with a firmneſs of Spirit, and boldneſs of ſpeech becoming a man, even to his m--y itſelf; that, " thou ſhouldeſt look upon thyſelf, as wanting in thy dutey and ſincere attachment to his m--'s perſon, and government, and love to thy country; if thou did'ſt not lay before him, *theſe very*, tranſactions of the G-v-r-r, who didſt enflame Men's minds with repeated accounts of combinations againſt our Liberty and proſperity? or was it to maſte us look upon thee, as our Champion and Deliverer, that thou raiſedſt up this imaginary Chimera? or are our dangers real, and wilt thou barter to conceal them--or wilt thou barter to conceal them--or wilt thou rather belye thy Promiſes, and ſlur them over in ſilence.--Honour and Honeſty! (a) *Give me ſome Drink Tertinius*...How like a ſick Girl!...Is this the reſenting Voice of an injured Nation?

(a) *This weighty, this tremendous Cenſure, it ſeemeth is all the Reflection our worthy* Aſſertors *of Liberty think expedient to paſs on an Adminiſtration, which, while it ſerved their Purpoſes, they raiſed at, both publickly and privately, as the moſt arbitrary, ill intentioned, and oppreſſive that ever diſgraced this or any other* Nation *;...and that too by way of Inuendo, as it is propoſed to take no farther notice of the* D... D.. *Adminiſtration, than barely to thank his* M..*ſty for ſending a* L..d L....t *of Honour and Honeſty*.....*The Addreſs in which this* grievous *Cenſure is inſerted,*

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Perhaps thou art perſuaded, that Things ſhould not be carried to extremes :- Thoſe who have hurt us can do now no more ; and therefore like as good Men ſay of one *departed*, thy Iniquity be thine own, let us forget and forgive.---Thou art but a ſorry Combatant; if becauſe thou haſt *put by* thine Adverſaries firſt Thruſt, thou thinkeſt thyſelf ſecure from Danger.---No;---If thou be not given over to work according to the Folly of thine own Eyes, thou wilt advance upon the Enemy, and when thou haſt found thy Opportunity, thou wilt daſh him to the Earth, thence never more to riſe and hurt thee.---Thy Safety hath no Foundation, but in the danger thou connecteſt with every Attempt to deſtroy it.

The Britiſh is a political body compoſed of many limbs and members at a diſtance; the management and direction of which, thou would'ſt of a ſurety render much more eaſy if not more profitable to the *Conductors*, could'ſt thou reduce each of theſe to a dependance on, and ſubmiſſion to their will and pleaſure; becauſe. whilſt each of theſe pretend

was drawn up by a few Members (of whom the L.. L....t's Secretary was one) and tranſmitted to England for the Approbation of the Miniſtry there, from whence it is impatiently expected, as it is ſaid the H., of C...m..ns will not be ſuffered to meet until it arrives...Quære, If previous Conſent *was inſiſted upon as a Right of the Crown, laſt Seſſion, becauſe there was a Precedent for it in a former one, why may not this Act alſo be claimed as a Piece of Prerogative any future Seſſion.*

pretend to preſcribe and govern their own movements; ſuch directions as they are to receive from the Seat of Empire muſt be crooked up to their liking.---Who then art thou, O Man! that condemneth the paſt and preſent plan of miniſterial conduct towards us. and towards our American Brethren. ?

What, tho' *their* attempts have disjointed their Connection of the Colonies one with another; cut off their confidance in the G-r-n-rs, and their ſacred dependance on home, when weighed in the ballance of Prudence, theſe will be found light and inſignificant.---To ſecure (without the vexation of making things ſpecious) the Command of ſo much Wealth and Property, if not for Mother Country's ſervice, *at leaſt for her Servants Service*, is by infinite odds of more conſequence than their ſafety; ---Canſt thou then think thyſelf ſecure when ſuch deſigns ſubſiſt?---Whilſt *they* hazard nothing *who* attempt thy Diſtruction, thou wilt have daily repititions of thy danger---If *they* at laſt ſucceed, after never ſo many diſappointments *their* purpoſe will be compleatly anſwered, and our ruin fully finiſhed.---Put no confidence in the mighty---Change of men on 'tother Side the water cannot produce a change of meaſures.---*Miniſters like Prieſts* of all Religions, *are the ſame*.--Should the wake be watchful,---what proſpect of Salvation can they have, who are not only *weak* but alſo liable to be off their Guard? What!---none unleſs the attempt be made ſo *dangerous and prejudical* to the *Adventurer* that he may be deterred from a *Tryal*:--- That is, by ſo ſeverely handling thoſe whom we

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have discovered tampering, *that it may be a Terror to Evil Doers, and a Praise to them that do well.*

But moreover, how can we be assured that those whom thou and thy worthy Triumvirate hath been accusing so long of such practice, be guilty?---If they are guilty wouldst thou punish them without conviction? and canst thou convict without an accusation? Or is it because in teine own Eyes the *weight* of thy *Word* seemeth sufficient to condemn them, that thou wouldest stifle a Publick Arraignment? Or doth thy Heart fail thee, because of Titles, and art thou, the Prince of Patriots, frighted from thy purpose, by those Dukes and Marquisses, *George Faulkner* created some Months since? If a News-Paper Paragraph can influence thee, L. Dunn deserveth more Credit than that *Father of Lyes*, and he shall comfort thee to thy Hearts content---by him thou shalt be titled *the first Man for Integrity* who must ever take precedence of the the *Premeir* in Iniquity.

Be not too confident in thy Strength-tho thy *Plumpers* were twice eight, still is there enough among the Commons to assert their own dignity and the disgrace. For thinkest not that where 124 were found zealous in their Country's defence on the 17th of December 1753, there shall not be found *One* of sufficient Integrity and Resolution to *stand up* and vindicate his own Rights on the 7th of October 55, and doest thou not know that whoever he be, with Him will the Honest and Independent Brethren unite? How then will thy Friends appear in the opposition?---Take a Friend's advice,

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Look well to thy Burroughs, ſee there be none get Voices therein but they of thine own Houſhold: For the Day will come when the Freemen and Freeholders of Ireland will have it in their Power to brand the Man who has betray'd them, and confer Honour on him who hath ſerved them faithfully. In that Day ſhall the *Iniquity of him who wrought Wickedneſs in the Year 53 and Yet turned himſelf to work Righteouſneſs in the Year 55, be forgiven. and his Righteouſneſs only ſhall be remembred*; and in that Day likewiſe *ſhall the faithfulneſs of him who wrought Righteouſneſs in the Year 53 and yet turned back and gave himſelf to work Wickedneſs in the Year 55 be forgotten, and the Evil that he did ſhall only be counted unto him.*

What ſhall we ſay to theſe medall'd Gentry on the Day of Tryal, who are already prepared to ſcandalize that badge...that day ſhall tell them...for this Conduct thee and thy Aſſociates ſhall be laugh'd to ſcorn by the high Prieſt. His Party ſhake their Heads, ſee, cry they, how our Bait hath taken...the Poiſon worketh well..let the People be but jealous and their Work is done..True ſays one, and wherefore Friend doeſt thee rail?...becauſe we play a deſperate Game...If we be betray'd thoſe who have wrought our ruin can not be made too odious, if we are not, let them aſſert their innocence, let them declare to the World their deeds, and we will then return with the ſame glad conſcience to their ſupport...but wherefore all this ſecrefy and caballing among a few, they tell us, 'tis true of mighty matters offer'd for us and them: But ſure this obſcurity looketh liker *making* than *receiving*

ing Terms. ...If thou and they be doing what is juſt and honeſt and not driving any after-game for your own advantage, why doſt thee hate the Light? why? becauſe thy deeds are evil. O come not near the Councils of theſe wicked Men: thou who wert once and may be ſtill the darling of the People, *hold faſt thine Integrity, let it not go, and thy Heart* nor thy Country *ſhall not reproach thee ſo long as thou ſhalt live.*]

I am thy Friend,

And ſincere Well-Wiſher.

One of the People called;

QUAKERS.

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[Laſt Night the long-expected Addreſs arrived from England; and tho' it was multilated by the Miniſtry there almoſt as much as the Linen-Bill was in 1751, our worthy Peace-makers, the glorious Triumvirate agreed to it Nem. Con. Surely no Man with a Medal at his Breaſt can move this Addreſs in the Houſe; rather will not all they, who have no private Intereſt therein, ſtand up, and aſſert their Rights in oppoſing it. 4 AP 54

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